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Prince of peace, whether in the church or the ministry, to unite with us in using such means, and thus bear a cheerful, honored part in the instrumentalities requisite for the spread of peace wherever Christianity prevails, and for the world's pacification as soon and as fast as it shall be converted to God.

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#### PREACHING ON THE SUBJECT OF PEACE.

We once sent our periodical gratuitously to a thousand ministers, or more, pledged to plead the cause of Peace before their people; and, though our limited means have compelled us to withhold it in cases where no compensation is made by themselves or their friends, it still goes to several hundred preachers of the gospel. And on whom else can we call for coöperation with equal hopes? Most of you are members of our Society for life; and, if we may not rely on you to plead our cause, to whom shall we look for the coöperation indispensable to any degree of success?

Dear brethren, children of the same God of peace, pledged before heaven and earth to the same cause of universal peace and good-will, may we not appeal to you in perfect confidence of a prompt and cordial response? We need your sympathies, your prayers, your full, impressive exhibitions of this subject before your people, your earnest and stirring appeals for their personal efforts and pecuniary contributions.

How much might you accomplish for us with little if any trouble. You can urge the claims of this cause on several hundred congregations, and obtain from each a contribution, larger or smaller, in aid of our cause. If it averaged only ten, or even five dollars each, it would bring us one or two thousand; a sum that would greatly relieve our embarrassments, and give a new impulse to our movements. You can get four or five hundred churches of different name to unite in the annual concert of prayer for universal peace; and this alone might be worth in the end far more to us than any amount of pecuniary contributions. And will you not use your influence to secure these two objects for us? The cause is yours as much as ours; we are only your agents in this matter; and we wish you to feel your full share of responsibility in carrying it on.

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#### CONCERT OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.

We do not insist on this concert being in every case held at the same time, but would leave Christians to select the most convenient evening just before or after Christmas. It might be best for ministers first to preach on the subject, and thus prepare their

hearers for a more intelligent and profitable attendance on the subsequent prayer-meeting. It may, in many, if not most places, be expedient for the friends of peace in different denominations to hold the concert together; and we hope that every minister, who reads our periodical, will take upon himself the responsibility of providing that the concert of prayer for peace is in some way observed in the place of his residence. Let the arrangements be made *in season and aright*.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR PEACE.

Every other cause has its annual or monthly contributions; and why not the cause of peace? Can this cause get along without means any better than that of temperance or missions? Can publications be issued, or lecturers and editors supported without money? Will tracts, and periodicals, and books print and circulate themselves?

But you may ask for what specific purpose do we need money?

1. *For the support of laborers in this cause.* These we *must* have; but only here and there one, like our devoted President, has the means of supporting himself. We must either feed and clothe them, or lose their services; and it is a fact, quite dishonorable to the friends of peace, that they have never furnished us with the means of *pledging* an adequate support to a solitary agent for a single year since the Society began its operations! Most of the services performed for the cause, have been gratuitous, and nearly all with a very uncertain prospect of any remuneration. The public mind is so ripe for effort, that we *ought* to have forthwith in our service from ten to twenty laborers; but we cannot promise a support to one, and can therefore expect the services of no man who is not able to support himself, or willing to sacrifice all his worldly interests on the shrine of peace. Is it right for the friends of peace to ask or allow this? Will they refuse a few dollars, perhaps a single dollar, and require or permit others to impoverish themselves for the promotion of a common cause? 2. *For publications.* This constitutes our chief department of expense; for we go upon the plan of employing few agents, and using the press to supply the lack of such services. And in this department alone we need more than ten times as much as all we have ever received, especially for such publications as the following;—*our periodical*, which we wish to circulate gratuitously, if we had the means, among no small part of the ten or fifteen thousand ministers in our country;—*for volumes*, several of which we have already stereotyped, and have others waiting for the press, all designed and well calculated for popular use;—*for tracts*, of which we have stereotyped nine, have others ready for the press, and are anxious to increase the number much farther, and to scatter them by scores of thousands all over the land.